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May I say, I feel honored by the interest you have evinced in us. and ~~that~~ to express the hope that it may continue and increase. I should be glad to talk with you face to face. and profit by your experience in these matters which lie so near our hearts.

Very Respectfully yours

Fred. A. Palmer.

P.S.

Mrs. P. desires me to say, that she will do herself the pleasure of writing you soon in her own hand. I acted as her amanuensis, when she wrote before, her hand being sore. We thank you for the papers. and were pleased that you deemed the matter, which is really but a faint outline, worth publishing—

and guard. over matters. which seems important enough in themselves, really mean nothing, until the question of Citizenship. throughout all this broad land. is justly. and definitely settled. My heart sinks within me, at times, and but for the Knowledge. that, with Nations, as with men. there is no retrograding. I should view our condition with doubtful forebings.—

While in the Office of the N.Y. Times. (to which I have been a some time contributor,) yesterday, your name was mentioned, and the Asst Ed. said. "Mr Garrison is the clearest headed man, on this question, (i.e. the Southern) in the Country to day." a truth to which my own spirit bore witness.

I am very grateful, for the fruit already borne. by the letter which Mrs. Palmer felt impelled to write. and which I felt like dissuading her from doing, fearing you would consider it a trespass upon your time, and attention, but I sincerely hope, the pleasure. and gratification. we have experienced, has in some degree been shared in by yourself

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117 Second Ave.
New York City Feb. 2nd 79.

Mr. Garrison—

My dear Sir.

Your kind, & friendly letter to Mrs. Palmer, upon a subject of such vital interest to every American citizen, have inspired the feeling, that a line from me, would also receive the same kindly reception at your hands— and that you would deem it no intrusion.

It will afford me great pleasure, to make your personal acquaintance, and should I go to Boston. I shall not fail to make use of your valued and cordial invitation to do so.—

The subject of correspondence is a national one, and involves (as you have forcibly said) the perpetuity of this Govt.—

One of the painful facts of the day is, that no man in any public station, with opportunity, and influence, sees the real situation, and seeing the point at issue, dares battle manfully, (and successfully) for it. Minor questions of finance, spoils of Office, political power, &c &c blind them, and they wrangle, and